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SUBJECT: VISA ISSUANCE PROCEDURE

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF WORD "BEARER" IN LIEU OF NAME OF ALIEN IN NON-IMMIGRANT VISA STAMP AS ENVISIONED BY REFERENCE. WE VIEW THIS AS SIGNIFICANT AREA FOR MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT WITH BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TRAVEL FACILITATION BY REDUCING TIME REQUIRED FOR VISA ISSUANCE.

2. DEPT. A-8896 OF OCT. 26 UNDERSCORES FACT OF HEAVY NIV CASE LOAD AT THIS EMBASSY. WHAT NOT SO APPARENT, HOWEVER, IS THAT OWING TO LOW RATE OF REFUSALS HERE, TIME WHICH NECESSARILY MUST BE DEVOTED TO EACH CASE RELATIVELY GREATER BECAUSE IN VAST PREPONDERANCE OF CASES VISA MUST BE ISSUED AND FILLED IN WITH REQUIRED INFORMATION BY OUR LIMITED NIV LOCAL STAFF. PROSPECTS FOR NIV ISSUANCE IN THIS PROSPEROUS ECONOMY POINT ONLY UPWARD AND WILL BE REINFORCED IF BOLIVAR REVALUED IN NEAR FUTURE AS CURRENTLY APPEARS QUITE POSSIBLE.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITION OF NAME IN VISA STAMP ADDS VERY LITTLE IN CASE OF VENEZUELA WHERE FRAUD AND NON-BONA FIDE NIV APPLICATIONS AT MINIMUM. ON OTHER HAND, IT DOES SLOW DOWN VISA ISSUING PROCESS AND COMPOUNDS OVERCROWDING IN ALREADY CRAMPED WAITING AREA WITH ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS.

4. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS WE NOW ENTERING UNCLASSIFIED

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